

GLASGOW INITIAL PERFORATOR

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I stumbled across the colour advertisement shown overleaf for the printers and stationers Allan & Ferguson on an excellent website www.theglasgowstory.com . The advertisement is from the back of the *Post Office Glasgow directory* of 1891-1892. The phone number at the top was apparently one of the first ever to appear in an advertisement in a Glasgow directory. The advert states that the company supplies “*initial perforating machines, numbering dating and all kinds of endorsing machines*”. As far I can tell the company didn’t use perfins themselves – indeed there are no recorded “A&F” perfins. I have been unable to find out much about this company or even indeed how long they operated in Glasgow. The company was a renowned lithographer and engraver and I have found them recorded in an 1869 directory. They were associated with the production of a number of classic illustrated books. Can any member provide additional information on this company, in particular their period of operation? Could this be the company that produced the famous “OinCo” perfins?

TELEPHONE N° 1197.

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